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SUBJECT: BELGIAN TRADE MINISTER'S TRIP POSTPONED

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LATIN AMERICAN DIRECTOR (AMB. PANIS) TOLD US THAT MINISTER OF TRADE TOUSSAINT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT VISIT CUBA MARCH 15-22 BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES. CUBANS AND BELGIANS ARE LOOKING AT OTHER DATES. AMB. PANIS BELIEVES OFFICIAL VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE JUNE.

2. PANIS SAID THAT ANNOUNCEMENT - CARRIED IN BRUSSELS PRESS-BY BELGIAN TRADE MISSION OFFICIAL OF FORMATION OF BELGIAN-CUBAN MIXED COMMISSION (REF C) WAS "NOT AUTHORIZED AND PREMATURE." HE WENT ON TO REITERATE THAT STANDARD COOPERATION AGREEMENT - ABOUT WHICH BELGIANS AND CUBANS HAD BEEN EXCHANGING COMMUNICATIONS FOR SOME TIME - WOULD PROBABLY BE SIGNED DURING MINISTER TOUSSAINT'S TRIP AND WOULD PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF MIXED COMMISSION WHICH WOULD MEET PERIODICALLY. FIRESTONE

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